RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 3,150.

(*b*) Yes. But there was partial failure of water on the last day of the festival as there was not sufficient water in the stream due to exceptional hot whether in the year throughout the State.

(*c*) A scheme for the supply of water from Kallar 3 miles away is also under investigation, but the cost is reported to be prohibitive.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : With regard to answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member the approximate cost ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The actual amount has not been reported. According to the Devaswom Commissioner's opinion, the cost is likely to be prohibitive.

Market Collections.

11 * **MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount collected by market contractors on head-loads and hand-loads in (*a*) public markets and (*b*) municipal markets, in the years 1108 and 1109 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The collection is made by lessees who keep no accounts. The information is therefore not available.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) May I know from Govenment whether the lessees are not bound to keep accounts ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They are not bound to keep accounts of the amount they collect on head-loads and hand-loads.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : May I know whether they are bound to keep any account ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Under the agreement executed by the lessees, they are not bound to keep accounts.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from Government whether the contractors keep false accounts ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It has been reported that the contractors do not maintain accounts of the collection on head-loads and hand-loads.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether it is possible for Government to demand correct accounts from the contractors during the next auction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is no objection on their part to maintain accounts.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : Is the income of the lessees liable to tax ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is assessable if it is more than the minimum prescribed for exemption from income tax,

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : In what ways?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : On the basis of the books they maintain.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : In the case of municipal markets, are the contractors bound to keep accounts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I have already said that they are not bound to keep accounts.

PRESIDENT : The question was whether there was any agreement by which they are to keep accounts.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

Gowd Saraswat Brahmins in the Secretariat.

12 *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of clerks and typists in the Secretariat belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahmin community;

(*b*) the number of applications received from candidates belonging to the community from 1108 to 1110 ;

(*c*) whether any candidate belonging to that community has been appointed during the period mentioned above ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, how many have been appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) None excepting an acting clerk.

(*b*) 13.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), may I ask who was the person appointed as an acting clerk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : N. Nagendra Bhattar B. A.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : May I know how long it is since he was appointed ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) . I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know from the member how many applications were received from candidates others than Gowd Saraswat Brahmins for posts in the Secretariat?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Appointment of a separate Financial Secretary.

13 *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present Ag. Account Officer has submitted a report or scheme to Government regarding the appointment of a separate Financial Secretary in the Huzur Office ;

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